Red Cloud Indian School, Inc.

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Before the Federal Communications Commission Washington, DC 20554

Petition for Waiver of Form 471 Filing
Deadline on behalf of Red Cloud Indian
School, Pine Ridge, South Dakota

: CC Docket No. 02-6

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REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF FORM 471 FILING DEADLINE

The Red Cloud Indian School ("School"), Billed Entity Number 225447, filed Form 471 Number 181039330 on March 30, 2018, which was within nine (9) days of the March 22, 2018 Form 471 deadline. The School did not file their Form 470 application (Numbers 180031193, and 180031210) until March 2, 2018 and had to wait for the 28-day bidding period to expire before we could review and decide on the most cost-effective service option.

Unfortunately, we did not post a Form 470 by February 22, 2018 which would have allowed us to meet the March 22, 2018 Form 471 filing deadline. The deadline was missed due to a failure to understand the requirement to post a Form 470 even when there are no competitive bidding options available. There is only one service provider in the region that can provide service to our school. Our School is located on the Pine Ridge Reservation and is in a very rural and sparsely populated area.

When we became aware of the requirement to post the Form 470, and also became aware that the deadline had passed for posting a Form 470 in time to meet the March 22, 2018 Form 471 filing deadline, we immediately posted the Form 470 on March 2, 2018.

We hope that the FCC will consider the extenuating circumstances of the School's greatly impoverished situation, the school's desperate need for Internet access and the school's unintentional failure to meet the Form 470 and Form 471 deadline. We acted promptly to file our Form 471 on March 30, which is the same day as our Form 470 allowable contract date. We hope that the FCC will grant this waiver request and allow our Form 471 application to be processed as though it had been timely filed by the March 22, 2018 deadline.

Respectfully submitted,

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